

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE OCCASION OF PAUL D. TERRY'S RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor a long-time and trusted member of the Appropriations Committee staff, Paul D. Terry, who is retiring following nearly fifty years of service to his Nation. If one were to describe Paul, he would begin by saying that his qualities exemplify those found in a true American patriot. He is always at work early, stays late, always on task, and never ever complains about the challenges that face him. One might find this hard to believe—and assume that these words are simply tributary rhetoric—but if you know Paul, you know every word is true.

Paul comes from the heart of the plains—Norfolk, Nebraska, a farm boy attending a one room country school with one teacher, sixteen students in nine grades. He made good marks, and upon graduation from high school received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The day after graduation, he married the love of his life, Ann, and began to raise a family.

Paul was an Armor officer trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and successfully completed all of the major military education courses, including parachute and Ranger school. His military career took him across the globe. He was first assigned in Germany, then attended helicopter flight school, returned to assignments at Fort Knox and again to Germany. Paul commanded an Abrams tank battalion in Kansas and then served in a variety of important capacities at the Pentagon before his family moved to Korea for his final military tour.

Including his Academy years, Paul's retirement comprises over 34 years of service to the U.S. Army, retiring as a full Colonel. He served the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization upon retirement, and, most recently, for the past 15 years, the Committee on Appropriations has been fortunate to benefit from Paul's years of military experience, his expert knowledge of protocols and procedures, and his dedication to our country.

During his years in Congress, Paul has been a professional staff member for the Defense Subcommittee. His various portfolios have included operations and maintenance accounts, Working Capitol funds, Department of Defense Inspector General accounts, Civil Air Patrol funding, Army-wide procurement and research and development accounts, and the Joint IED Defeat Organization. Through these portfolios, Paul has helped the Committee provide thoughtful guidance to the Department, including its policies related to all Army ground and air combat resources.

It will be difficult to fill Paul Terry's shoes here in Congress. In fact, that task will be quite impossible. But Paul has served his na-

tion well, and the achievement of his retirement is fully deserved.

God's speed Paul. You will be missed by one and all here in the Nation's Capital.

HONORING HANNAH FREEDOM SCHOOL

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hannah Freedom School's Resolution on Childhood Poverty, which seeks to end childhood poverty by 2030. Introduced by the Hannah Children's Defense Fund's Freedom School's 2015 Scholars—a group of 50 children ages 7–10 in Marin City, California—this resolution promotes equal access to opportunities for all children. In recognition of the scholars' commitment to combating poverty in our community and beyond, it is fitting that I submit the following resolution.

HANNAH FREEDOM SCHOOL RESOLUTION ON CHILDHOOD POVERTY

As part of the Children's Defense Fund's Freedom School Family, we are taught that we can make a difference in ourselves, our families, our communities, the nation and the world. In order to be all that we can be, we have learned that all children everywhere deserve a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start and the support of caring families and communities. But we also have learned that not all kids get what they deserve. Global poverty denies children these important opportunities. In as much as:

In America, 14.7 million children live in poverty. That means that about one out of every five kids is poor. If you are black or brown, the number is closer to one in three—even in families where parents are working.

If you are poor as a child, you have a lesser chance of graduating from high school or going to college, but a greater chance of going to jail or being in a low paying job, which means you have a greater chance of becoming a poor adult, suffering from poor health, and becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

Poverty has no face. It can be anybody. It can be anywhere. Not just homeless people. Not just kids in hoodies. Not just in urban areas. It is even in Marin. There are 21,000 poor families in Marin who live on less than \$24,000 a year, while most families in our county earn more than \$80,000 per year.

Children living in poverty, almost 2,000 in Marin, often struggle in school to keep up with their classmates in math, science and language arts.

Poverty is not safe. It is not healthy. It is not fair. It is wrong. It must be ended.

We, the students of Hannah Freedom School commit to work toward ending childhood poverty in our lifetime, joining the global initiative to end poverty by 2030. Therefore, Be It Resolved that:

Being poor is like being on punishment. It means that you have to go without. You have to go without good and nutritious food,

decent housing, healthy neighborhoods, or schools that address your needs or celebrate your culture. It amounts to 'cruel and unusual' punishment that must be abolished.

Childhood poverty can be ended globally by 2030.

We as children are using our voices, now it's time for the adults to use theirs.

We call on our lawmakers to imagine ending child poverty in our county, in our state, in our nation now.

Ending child poverty means that we will be able to stop the cradle to prison pipeline, we will be better educated, and we will be better prepared for a peaceful world.

As Bryan Stevenson, founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, stated: "The opposite of poverty is not wealth . . . the opposite of poverty is justice . . . and opportunity."

RECOGNIZING THE CROATIAN SONS LODGE NUMBER 170

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170, of the Croatian Fraternal Union, on the festive occasion of its Golden Member banquet, held on Sunday, October 18, 2015.

The Croatian Fraternal Union celebrated their gala at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have reached fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained fifty years of membership include Carol Ann Ammon, Rosemarie Brackett, Janet Browning, Nicholas James Constantine, Michael Dujmovic, Thomas Michael Gillam, Florence A. Liss, Denise Ann Lukrafka, Patricia Anne Marince, Margaret J. Mrzljak, Ronald E. Ostrowski, Penelope A. Pappas, Marian Lucille Pozgay, Richard James Putz, Carolyn Rarey, Barbara Ann Rubesha, James Joseph Rubino, Richard Sturtridge, James William Svetich, and Mary Ann Tuskan.

This memorable day began with a mass at Saint Joseph the Worker Croatian Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, with the Reverend Father Stephen Loncar officiating.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Lodge President John Miksich and all the members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge Number 170 for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

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INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION, SIMPLY STORAGE, AND 5280 ARMORY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Industrial Chemical Corporation, Simply Storage and 5280 Armory for receiving the Business Collaboration Award from the Arvada Economic Development Association.

The Business Collaboration Award was created to honor a one-of-a-kind partnership between three private Arvada businesses who overcame the challenges of growing their companies.

Industrial Chemical Corporation needed a small piece of land to be able to expand their rail capability. 5280 Armory needed to find larger space to expand their operation, and Simply Storage wanted to bring their storage facility to Arvada. The collaboration between these companies resulted in finding a suitable solution for each of these expanding companies to stay and grow in Arvada—a big win for the community.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Industrial Chemical Corporation, Simply Storage and 5280 Armory for this well-deserved honor from the Arvada Economic Development Association. I am proud of your collaboration and commitment to the community.

OCTOBER 20, 2015 EASTERN IOWA
HONOR FLIGHT

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. LOESACK. Mr. Speaker, today, over eighty Iowa veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War will travel to our nation's capital. Together, they will visit the monuments that were built in their honor by a grateful nation.

For many, today will be the first time they will see the National World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery. I can think of no greater honor than to be able to thank Iowa's and our nation's heroes for their service to our country.

We owe these heroes a debt of gratitude, and the Honor Flight demonstrates that we as a state and as a country will never forget the debt we owe those who have worn our nation's uniform. As a reminder of the service and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation, I am proud to have a piece of marble in my office from the quarry that was used to build the World War II Memorial. Our World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans rose to defend not just our nation, but the freedoms, democracy, and values that make our country the greatest nation on earth. They did so as one people and one country. Their sacrifices and determination in the face of great threats to our way of life are both humbling and inspiring.

I am tremendously proud to welcome the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight and Iowa's veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and

the Vietnam War to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to celebrate the valiant contributions of individuals with disabilities in the workplace. Twenty-five years ago America took an enormous stride as a nation when enacting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This legislation was monumental in promoting equal opportunity for those with a disability seeking employment, yet nearly a quarter century later discrimination still exists.

Over forty-eight million Americans have a disability, but are unemployed at a rate that is twice that of people without disabilities. Despite the courageous effort of those with disabilities to change beliefs of employers they still face grave challenges in the workplace. We must come together as a nation to support those here in the United States suffering from employment discrimination because of a disability. America can become a stronger nation when we utilize the talents of and celebrate the gifts of all of our people. During National Disability Employment Awareness Month, we recognize Americans with disabilities that strengthen our workforce, communities, and country.

Many great organizations such as People Inc. in Western New York strive to promote equality for those with disabilities. People Inc. was founded in 1986 with a goal to give individuals with disabling conditions or other special needs support they need to participate and succeed in an accepting society. People Inc. is working toward a future where all persons whose needs limit their integration into the community can reach their highest level of human potential as responsible members of society.

I will continue to fight for the equal employment opportunity for those with disabilities. It is time that we put people with disabilities on a level playing field with every other American. I have supported and cosponsored the Fair Wages for Workers with Disabilities Act, a bill that overturns 75-year-old provisions that allow individuals with disabilities to be employed at subminimum wage rates.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize National Disability Employment Awareness Month. I ask that my colleagues join me in support for those with disabilities in the workplace and encourage them to spread awareness across the United States this October.

RECOGNIZING THE NEWLY NATURALIZED CITIZENS OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who took their oath of citizenship on Friday, October 16, 2015. This memorable occasion, presided over by Judge Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, was held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On October 16, 2015, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Mary Ann Quinesio Caduco, Ruel Tafalla Caduco, Vanessa Elizabeth Ochoa Gonzalez, Ana Martins Murta, Heloisa Bezerra Martins, Lewelyn Estrera Arevalo, Paulius Junokas, Roxana Mendoza Diaz, Osvaldo Fonseca Hernandez, Nelia Rieza Aragon, Edenia Floriselda Fley Centeno, Seungyup Sun, Thuy Thi Hong Le, Yamylenne Anne Almanzor Hartsough, Mei Wang, Evelyn Leanos Mota, Henry Kavolu Ndisya, Yen Ngoc Nguyen, Veena Jhamandas Prithyani, Luz Cruz, Karina Gomez, Nestor Hodgson, Judith Adanely Hunt, Orawan Yooplao Krizman, Jeff Nguefack Mbeleke, Pedro Raygoza, Joanna Reyna, Maria del Rosario Serrano, Chantal Emefa Vigbedor, and Pinar Zorlutuna Vural.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country “. . . of the people, by the people, and for the people.” They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who became citizens of the United States of America on October 16, 2015. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.